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SUBJECT: Release of Domestic Photography (U)

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Air Force
Washington, D. C. 20330
ATTN: AFRIKOD

1. (C) Several civil agencies have been requesting and using the high altitude U-2 photography which the Strategic Air Command (SAC) files for production of domestic training air target materials. Previous guidance has been that the photography is unclassified when the taking organization is not identified and the altitude capability of the aircraft is not revealed.
2. (U) The Department of Agriculture has borrowed the unclassified negatives covering several areas of the United States where they had requirements and made duplicates and selective enlargements for their files. In several instances, state governments have requested coverage of specific areas which are covered by these enlarged photographs.
3. (U) Request this office be notified by 1 December 1969 if there is any objection to Department of Agriculture sale of this imagery to either individual landowners or state governments.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

/s/

Acting Chief, Plans
and Programs Office

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10 December 1969

SUBJECT: Release of Domestic U-2 Photography

TO: Headquarters, USAF
(AFNICAD)
Washington, D. C. 20330
ATTN: Colonel Davidson

1. Reference DIA letter, subject: Release of Domestic Photography (U), dated 10 November 1969, C-2566/MC-2.

2. On 5 December the undersigned conferred with the Chairman and CIA Member of the SDWG with reference to classification and release of domestic U-2 photography to other Government agencies and private individuals.

3. During an earlier discussion with the same individuals the question of classification of domestic photography taken with the IRIS camera was discussed and even though the IRIS was being used it was determined that the classification would be FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY. This would allow any of the Federal Government agencies to borrow the film and use it for official purposes.

4. With regard to guidance concerning the sale of domestic U-2 photography to state governments and private individuals, it was determined that if the film was either enlarged or reduced and sanitized by removing all fiducial markings and reference to altitude or speed and type of platform and camera used, that the photography could be sold to either state governments or private individuals in accordance with the pertinent Air Force regulations.

SIGNED

[REDACTED]
Lt Col, USAF
DIA Member, SDWG

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